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A.O. Smith Electrical Products Receives Commissioner's Award

NASHVILLE – Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James G. Neeley announced today that A.O. Smith Electrical Products in McMinnville received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health.

“A.O. Smith has demonstrated a strong commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace,” said Neeley. “The evaluation criterion for this award is ambitious, and A.O. Smith has worked conscientiously to meet and exceed the standards the award requires. It is quite an honor to be the first company in Tennessee to achieve two million hours without a lost time injury.”

The Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health is given to Tennessee employers whose employees work a certain number of hours without having an injury resulting in days away from work. The number of hours required is based on the size of the company.

A.O. Smith is an international company with production facilities located around the world. The plant in McMinnville has been at that location since 1960. The site is celebrating one million man-hours without a lost time injury from May 10, 2002, to February 5, 2003. This award is the second for A.O. Smith. They received their first Commissioner's Award in May 2002. Accordingly, the facility has worked a total of two million man-hours without a lost time injury! A.O. Smith is the first company in the state to apply and qualify for two such consecutive awards.

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